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836-800 William St. (West side)  
Baltimore, Md.  
Private access

1850-1880's

As originally built, all of the houses but one lining this side of the 800 block of William St. were three story in height with gable roofs, and all but 828 William St. are two bays wide. The exception is 806 William St. which is a two story plus attic brick house. The houses were built for a middle class market--men who had prospered in the local shipbuilding and glass-making trades and could afford a larger and more comfortable house than the two story plus attic type built for their working class neighbors. Many of the houses retain their original appearance but 828, 818, and 800 William St. now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices, added after the Civil War. 804 William St. is one of only two bow-fronted, Classical-Revival influenced brick and brownstone houses in the Federal Hill area, and seems to have replaced an earlier structure on the site. At 820 William St., at the south-west corner of William and Churchill Streets, is the currently vacant, Classical-Revival style church building of the South Baltimore Station of the Methodist Episcopal Church, built by church members in the early 1850's. The building is three stories in height with a high gable roof that runs parallel to Churchill St., the pedimented gable end fronting on William St. The facade is divided into three bays by two-story high brick piers that run from the high "rusticated" basement to the severe Classical pediment.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

800-802 William St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

\_\_\_ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
\_\_\_ STRUCTURE  
\_\_\_ SITE  
\_\_\_ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

\_\_\_ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
\_\_\_ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

\_\_\_ IN PROCESS  
\_\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
\_\_\_ NO

**PRESENT USE**

\_\_\_ AGRICULTURE  
\_\_\_ COMMERCIAL  
\_\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
\_\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
\_\_\_ GOVERNMENT  
\_\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
\_\_\_ MILITARY  
\_\_\_ MUSEUM  
\_\_\_ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
\_\_\_ RELIGIOUS  
\_\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
\_\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
\_\_\_ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE  
Maryland 21202

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and Neo-Grec cornice occupies the south-west corner of William and Montgomery Streets. A two story, one and a half bay wide addition of relatively recent date abuts it to the south, carrying the number 802 William St. *The building*

The building is three stories in height, 28' wide (including the addition), and extends back on its lot about 80'. The building runs back along Montgomery St. for a total of      bays, and there is a two story addition extending back another      bays. The shed roof of the main three story building is capped by a cornice of Neo-Grec design, consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding, bordered by a row of dentils, and supported by four carved brackets. The brackets connect the cornice to a plain lower molding strip. The end brackets terminate at their upper edge in anthemions. The building is constructed in running bond.

The door and window openings of 800 William St. have common arch lintels and wood sills. The first floor window openings are filled with 4/1 sash; the second and third floor openings are filled with 4/4 sash. The modern, double paned vertical window of 802 William St. has no lintel. A modern four panel door, with three lights set within the door, is set beneath a single light transom. The building sits on a low basement, the entrance being reached by two marble steps. Both 800 and 802 William St. have rectangular coal openings.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES orig. 1849-50/ enl. 1870's BUILDER/ARCHITECT William Taylor

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house is representative of a fairly large number of houses in the Federal Hill area that were originally built in the 1840's and 1850's with gable roofs and simple brick cornices, but which were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable, Victorian style, with the front roof gable re-built as a shed roof, and a modern bracketed cornice added.

The builder, and first occupant of the house was William Taylor, who operated a ladies' shoemakers at the corner of Lombard and Hanover St.<sup>1</sup> In 1857 Taylor sold the house to Lewis Reitz, an agent at the Glass House located at the foot of Federal Hill. It was undoubtedly the Reitz family who enlarged and remodeled the house, for they continued to prosper and by 1870 Philip Reitz was the manager of the Glass House. The family occupied this house through the 1880's.<sup>2</sup>

For a further description of the type of house that was originally built at this location see under 836 William St.

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1853-54, 1855-56

<sup>2</sup>Ibid., 1858-59, 1870; Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 136, Folio 210

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

4/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

Maryland 21204

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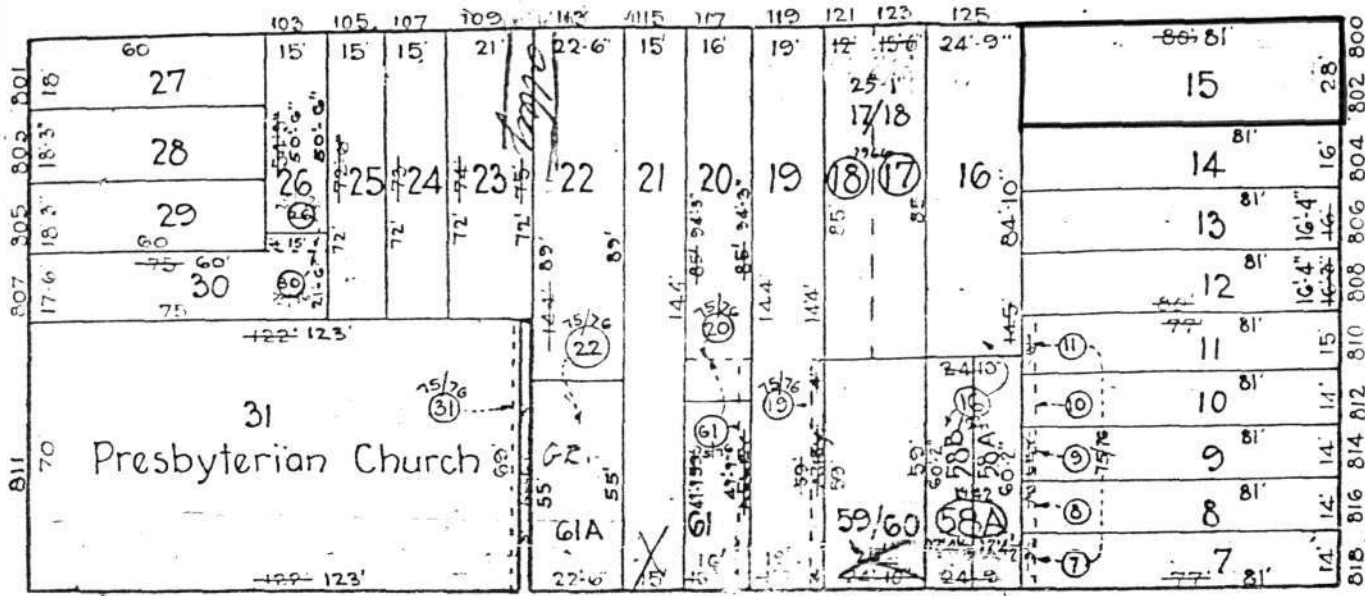
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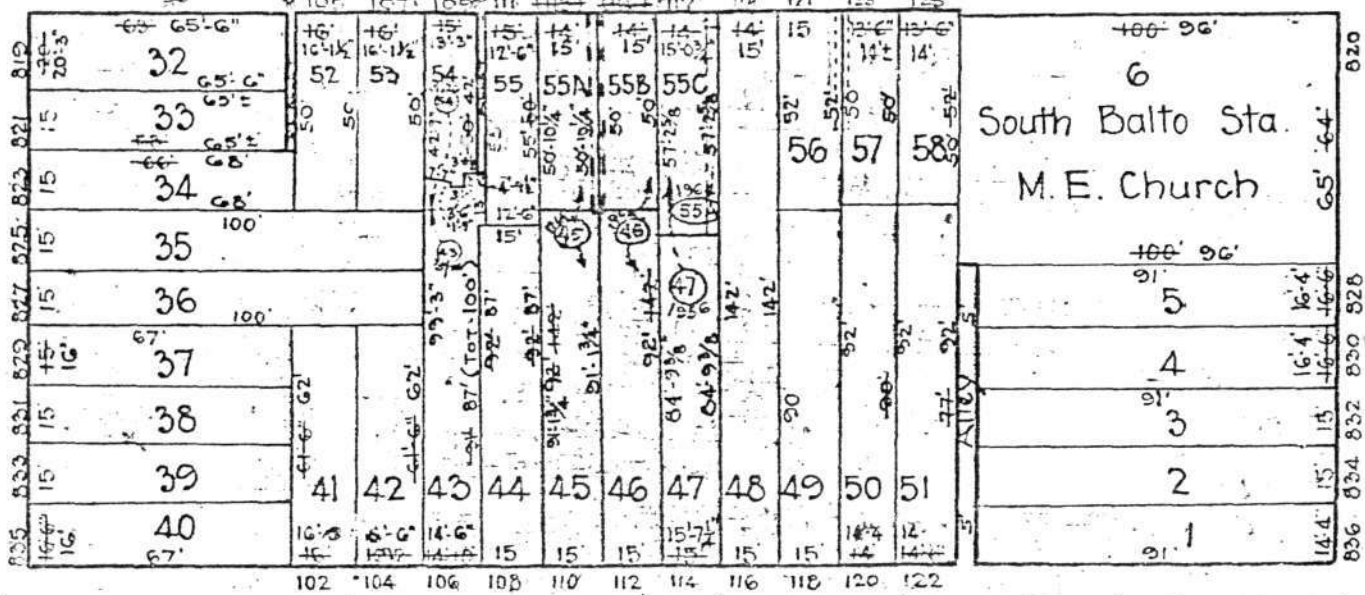
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ST.



E. CHURCHILL

ST.



WARREN

AVE.

WILLIAM

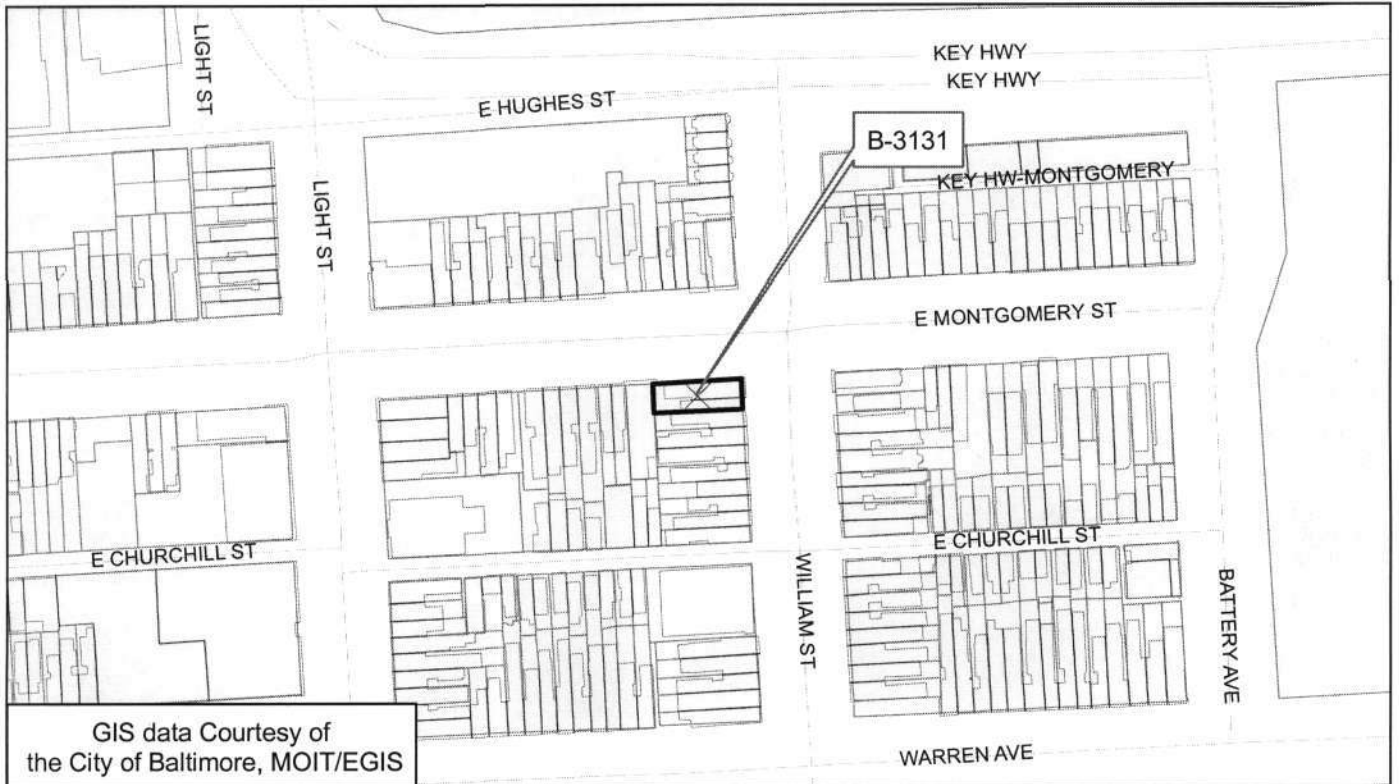
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800-802 Williams Street  
Block 0906 Lot 015  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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800-802 William St.

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East and north elevations